



Agenda Item Number: 2006-8-8A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 22, 2006

Department: County Manager/CIP **Staff Contact:** Susan Jones, Special Projects
Julie Baca, Community Services

TITLE: 2007-2012 Capital Improvements Plan, 2006 General Obligation Bond Project Package and Quality of Life Tax

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2006** approving the 2007-2012 Six-year Capital Improvements Plan and 2006 General Obligation Bond Package.
2. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2006** Calling for an election.
3. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2006** Notice of General Obligation Bond Election.
4. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2006** Notice of Quality of Life Election.

SUMMARY:

2007-2012 CIP

The 2007-2012 Capital Improvements Plan for Bernalillo County is an inventory of existing and proposed capital projects. The County prepares a six-year CIP every two years. It is intended to guide the County's state and federal funding requests and to develop the General Obligation Bonds presented to voters. The CIP also forms the County's component of New Mexico's Infrastructure Improvement Plan.

The 2007-2012 CIP includes the Priority Project Summary List containing the County's priority projects. Priority projects were determined on the basis of each Department's analysis and evaluation by a nine member County CIP Committee consisting of Deputy County Managers and staff from departments with capital projects. The evaluation included project ranking based on factors such as committed funding, need, timeliness, operating budget impact and service area.

The recommended 2006 General Obligation Bond Package was developed from the priority project list. A complete listing of six-year CIP projects is included in the plan under Public Safety, Parks, Open Space, Public Works and CIP (a division of Community Services) sections.

A final section of the Plan includes neighborhood requests received during the CIP planning process and evaluated by County departments. The listing indicates whether the proposed project was included in the 2007-2012 CIP.

Development of the plan involved assessing existing capital projects status and funding, reviewing new neighborhood requests, determining top department priorities and developing new departmental requests. Six public CIP neighborhood meetings were held this spring and the County received 259 neighborhood request forms for 126 distinct projects. These were forwarded directly to the County Commissioners and to County departments for review and potential incorporation into the CIP. Approximately 91 neighborhood requests are included in the 2007-2012 CIP.

The County's adopted Capital Improvements Plan will become a component of the State's Five Year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan and will be formatted appropriately for submission to the State Local Government Division.

2006 General Obligation Bond Program

The proposed General Obligation Bond package would fund \$18 million of the County's estimated \$39 million in priority projects. Projects recommended for inclusion in the package and placement on the November ballot include: funding for library books and materials, construction of public safety related buildings including completion of Juvenile Detention center renovation and design and construction of a Sheriff and Fire emergency center in the East Mountains.

Recreational and other facility improvements are also recommended in the bond package. Funding is included for renovation of the County's swimming pools, construction of the Vista Grande gymnasium, and renovations of the Hiland Theater. County road needs are addressed with Public Works projects that constitute approximately one-half of the proposed bond funding. These include County-wide road paving and school bus route improvements as well as specific projects for Lyon/Unser Boulevard, Edith Boulevard, and the Montano and Edith intersection and approaches.

The Bond Election Resolution serves as notice of the election, establishes the bond language and calls for the placement of the bond questions on the General Election ballot. The State Election Code requires that the resolution calling for the election be published once a week for four weeks beginning 50-60 days prior to the election. In order to meet this requirement, any election resolutions must be approved at this Board meeting.

Quality of Life Gross Receipts Tax Election

Consistent with State Law and County Ordinance 2006-14 approved by the Board on August 9, 2006, the County may impose a gross receipts tax dedicated to cultural programs and activities. The tax requires voter approval.

The election resolution serves as a proclamation calling for the election pursuant to the State Election Code and instructs the County Clerk to place the proposal on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. **AR -2006** Adopting the CIP, ICIP and General Obligation Bond Program
2. **AR -2006** Calling for an election
3. **AR -2006** Notice of GO Bond Election
4. **AR -2006** Notice of Quality of Life Election
5. 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan

FISCAL IMPACT

The 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan is an inventory and planning guide to capital projects in the county. The Plan documents both the committed and the desired funding levels, but does not commit or budget funds.

The General Obligation Bond Program presents approximately \$18,000,000 of projects that could be appropriately funded through a bond election in November. Issuance of these bonds would not require a tax increase.

The Quality of Life Tax will generate revenue for cultural programs, events, and activities. Three percent of the revenue will be dedicated to administration of the program.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 8/16/06

LEGAL

The proposed resolutions are consistent with applicable law. JSL 8/15/06

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Six Year CIP is a critical component of the County's capital planning and implementation efforts. It represents an inventory of and guide to both existing and anticipated County capital projects. The GO Bond package component will fund critical capital projects based on careful consideration of priorities and maximum leveraging of the anticipated bond funds. I recommend approval.

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

The public safety projects listed for this bond cycle are all high priority items. With continued support from the Commission other public safety CIP projects will be addressed in other areas i.e., legislature (federal and state) and general fund. I recommend approval of this item. Jdantis 8/14/06

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The 5 Year Plan is typically an update of the previous year's 6 Year Plan absent those capital projects that were fully funded and placed into construction the year following the general obligation bond election. The 5 Year Plan may also include capital projects that were subsequently identified during the year following the Board's approval of the 6 Year Plan making the 5 Year Plan the most accurate capital improvements plan available at the time of its submittal to the Board. KM for TW 8/11/06

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE

The primary sources of funding are General Obligation Bonds and Legislative appropriations. As these and other sources of funding become available, projects will be added to the County's budget. The proposed General Obligation Bond package will not increase the property rate. Dan Mayfield, 08/15/06

ELECTED OFFICIALS/OTHERS:

County Clerk If approved, these items will be added to the ballot for the General Election on November 7, 2006. Mary Herrera, County Clerk 8/17/06